

News Release

U of M Crookston "A Summer Place" for Northwest School of Agriculture Alumni; Reunion slated for Saturday, June 25, 2011

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Alumni from the Northwest School of Agriculture will come back for their annual reunion on Saturday, June 25, 2011, at the University of Minnesota Crookston. An updated reunion schedule includes both new and traditional alumni events. The theme for the reunion, hosted by the Office of Development & Alumni Relations, is "A Summer Place," after the popular song "Theme from A Summer Place" which topped the music charts in early 1960.

Recipients of the Top Aggie award, recognizing outstanding achievement by alumni over a lifetime, will be honored during a noon luncheon in Brown dining room. The Top Aggie is the highest award given by the Northwest School of Agriculture Alumni Association. This year's Top Aggies are Allen '51 and Lorraine (Zipoy) '54 Love, East Grand Forks, Minn.; Dell Christianson '56, Detroit Lakes, Minn.; David Eblen '56, Fargo, N.D.; and Adrian Van Dellen '61, Woodville, Texas. They will join the more than 135 alumni and staff who have been recognized with the award since 1970.

Registration for the reunion takes place in the Northern Lights Lounge in the Sargeant Student Center beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday. Highlights of this year's NWSA Alumni Reunion include bus tours of campus, class meetings and photos, a fish fry supper, reminiscing followed by a special video tribute, and concludes with a social and dance with music by DJ Steve Krueger.

The alumni reunion, first held in 1918, brings back alumni from the Northwest School of Agriculture, a residential high school located on what is now the University of Minnesota, Crookston campus. The NWSA opened its doors in 1906 and graduated its first class of 8 students in 1909. The campus educated students for 60 years, and during its last two years of operation, the campus transitioned to a two-year technical college, known as the University of Minnesota Technical Institute. In 1993, the campus transitioned yet again as the University of Minnesota, Crookston and began to offer baccalaureate degrees becoming the first-ever laptop university in the nation.

For more information on the upcoming alumni reunion, visit the NWSA website, or contact Corby Kemmer, director, Office of Development & Alumni Relations, at 218-281-8434 (ckemmer@umn.edu).

Today the University of Minnesota Crookston delivers 29 bachelor's degree programs, 18 minors, and more than 40 concentrations, including several online degrees, in the areas of agriculture and natural resources; business; liberal arts and education; and math, science and technology. With an enrollment of about 1,400 undergraduates from more than 25 countries and 40 states, the Crookston campus offers a supportive, close-knit atmosphere that leads to a prestigious University of Minnesota degree. "Small Campus. Big Degree." To learn more, visit www.umcrookston.edu.



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